the MoWR in 1982 for carrying out various technical studies to establish the feasibility of the proposals of NPP and to give concrete shape to it. Based on various studies conducted, NWDA has identified 30 links (16 under Peninsular Component & 14 under Himalayan Component) for preparation of Feasibility Reports (FRs). Out of these, FRs of 14 links under Peninsular Component and 2 links (Indian Portion) under Himalayan Component have already been completed. Further, work of preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of one of the link in Peninsular Component Namely Ken-Betwa link has been taken up by NWDA.

(c) A provision of Rs. 220 Crore has been proposed in Eleventh plan for the works of balance FRs of links under NPP, Preparation of Pre-Feasibility Reports (PFRs)/FRs of intrastate links as proposed by NWDA. In addition to the above works, preparation of DPR of Ken-Betwa link & link & other priority links after the concurrence of concerned States etc. are to be carried out by NWDA.

Gosikhurd Irrigation Project

4300. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government has urged the Central Government to include Gosikhurd Irrigation Project in the series of National Projects *vide* letter on 4 December, 2006;

(b) whether Central Government is empowered to declare the irrigation projects in the series of National Projects;

(c) whether the State Government has pointed out that early completion of Gosikhurd Irrigation Project is essential as the benefited areas are mostly tribal inhabited and for which irrigation facilities are not available;

(d) whether the Central Government has considered the request of the Maharashtra Government; and

(e) by when final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (e) On the request of State Government of Maharashtra and based on the selection criteria for National Projects finalized by the Central Government, Gosikhurd Project in Bhandara district of Maharashtra has been identified as a National Project by the Central Government.

Renovation of water bodies in Maharashtra

4301. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Maharashtra has submitted proposals for National Pilot Project for Repairs and Renovation of Water Bodies directly linked to agriculture in Nanded district and Yevatmal districts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken in the matter?